

# COMMISSIONERS TO PROBE ESCAPE OF 11 GIRLS FROM REFORMATORY

## NINE FLEE FROM REFORMATORY AND AUTOS

Recaptured — Woman  
Head of School Says More  
Guards Are Needed.

Tag, you're it!" shouted one of a  
re of girls playing in the yard of  
National Training School for  
girls, on the Conduit road, last eve-  
ning as she seized the woman athletic  
instructor.

Eleven Girls Fled.  
A moment later, as the girl held  
only to the teacher, eleven of the  
made a concerted dash for the  
wooden gate. Hurling their  
against it, the gate was forced  
in its hinges and the girls fled.

The teacher was amazed. It took  
several minutes to believe that  
had been a victim of a plot—that  
tagging of her was the outcome of  
well staged plan of the girls to make  
break for freedom from the institu-  
tion.

The daring getaway occurred short-  
ly before 8 o'clock and within an hour,  
of the girls—Mattie Davis, eight-  
years old, and Beatrice Thorne,  
seventeen years old, had been cap-  
tured and returned to the institution.  
Others who had not been captured  
to noon are Myrtle Hall, nineteen  
years old, said to have been the mas-  
mind of the plot to escape. Edith  
Dobbs, eighteen; Ruth Clarkson, nine-  
teen; Grace Eller, twenty; Ethel Raw-  
ley, sixteen; Mary Kidder, eighteen;  
Margaret Pappas, nineteen; Louise  
ne, seventeen, and Viola Green, ten-  
teen.

Commissioner Rudolph, president  
of the Board of Commissioners, when  
heard of the escape last night, said  
conditions at the institution re-  
quired an investigation, and that he  
would take it up at the board meet-  
ing of Monday. He also recommended  
that a recommendation that a  
rough inquiry be made into the  
of the recent wholesale escapes.

Potomac Shores Combed.  
Police today are combing the  
recreational resorts along the Vir-  
ginia side of the Potomac, endeavor-  
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## Choose Now Before Fall Rush

Many good rooms to be  
had now that you cannot  
get a month from now.

For Rent Rooms.

QUE ST. N. W.—Large front room;  
permanent home; southern family;  
central.  
MD. AVE. N. E.—Front room; private  
family; reasonable; phone Lincoln  
886-J.

RHODE ISLAND AVE. N. W.—Rooms;  
single or double; Franklin 4424.

F ST. N. W.—Near Dupont Circle—  
Bright, cheerful room for 2 or 3;  
sin beds; reasonable.

E ST. N. E.—Two connecting rooms  
and kitchenette on first floor; com-  
pletely furnished for housekeeping;  
using water; plenty of coal for win-  
dow laundry privileges; no objection to  
children; reasonable.

H ST. N. W.—Sleeping porch, living  
bedroom; a. m. l.; together or  
separately; private family; reasonable.  
C. 4661-J.

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h. b. k.; also one single room.

F ST. N. W.—Large second-story front  
room with board for 2; southern ex-  
posure.

For identity of these and other simi-  
lar ads consult the "For Rent Rooms"  
columns, Washington Section, today's  
Washington Times.

## HEARD AND SEEN

By BILL PRICE.  
THE SKIPPER IS BACK.

The skipper of the merry ship "Heard and Seen" is back at the helm, his vacation past and his thoughts with the readers and contribu-  
tors. It's good to be back with such a fine crew and passenger list,  
dwelling among those who feel and know that a smile beats a million  
grouches; that a kindly deed or word for another is golden as com-  
pared to unkind deeds or words; that wholesome mirth carries sun-  
shine to many depressed souls.

I rejoice in the hundreds of letters that came to the "Spare Tire"  
after he printed the vinegary stuff of Broadway Jones. Among those  
letters, kept for my perusal, were scores from people who never con-  
tribute to the Column, but should do so. One letter from "Regular  
Fellow" was typical of the others and of the spirit of the folks who  
make up this great family of Washingtonians.

"The G. O. C. scatters sunshine and laughter," says "Regular Fel-  
low," and "so let nothing divert you from your course. Waste no more  
space on such pickers. Maybe the O. G. got their stuff (and this is  
what happened), and they are sore. THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE  
READ YOUR COLUMN WHO NEVER CONTRIBUTE A WORD, I  
for one. The kids look for it. The Mrs. reads it. Don't let the  
pickers bluff you."

No column ever suited everybody. Some of the stanchest friends  
of H and S would even read it along other lines, but it's a cinch that no  
column has as many loyal readers and contributors. So we'll just let  
her run as she is, changing course when the majority of the gang  
wants it changed.

The folks liked the SPARE TIRE and he liked the work. So  
we're all happy.

Didn't Like the Formula.

"If you would have a valent skin,  
And color pink and kippity."  
The doctor said to Gwendolyn.  
"Eat carrots and be pretty."

"I know I'll die," said Gwendolyn,  
And her words were icy cold.  
But after sailing to Gwendolyn,  
She turned from pink to gold.  
O. U. KID.

"LIZ'S" LFL PONES.

Crook	Car	Busta
Fellows	Straps	Collar
Too	Fuss	Fuss
Dollars	Saps	Follow
Gotta	Blow	Stops
Beau	Breases	Haste
Lotta	Show	Cops
Dough	Kneezes	Chased
Gotta	No	Locked
Run	Smarty	Knocked
Lotta	Slow	Shout
Fun	Party	

GAITHERBURG LIZ.

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BEANING THE MASHERS.

A fine-looking New York widow  
has adopted one sure way of dis-  
posing of mashees—she just beams  
them on their heads with a piece  
of thick rubber hose she carries  
in her handbag. She has laid fifty  
of them low in this manner, the  
records state.

Why shouldn't Washington girls  
and widows organize the "rubber  
hose brigade" for disposing of  
mashees? The idea is a good one  
for the women who are so often  
insulted by these sort of men.

If a sufficient number of girls  
will indicate their willingness to  
join the brigade the editor will  
agree to furnish a supply of bean  
bumpers.

DEAR CHIEF OF POLICE:  
THE OTHER night while walking  
DOWN FOURTEENTH street  
ALONE I was much annoyed  
BY VARIOUS mashees  
WALKING OR IN automobiles  
AND I WONDER if your plain  
CLOTHES MEN haven't chased  
THEM OFF F and other streets  
TO 14TH street?

I DID nothing to encourage  
THEM, BUT they persisted  
IN FOLLOWING me.  
ONE FELLOW in a Maxwell car  
WAS ESPECIALLY persistent.  
I TOLD HIM to "run along!"  
AS I WAS married, but he  
DIDN'T SEEM to mind.  
A GIRL is very foolish  
AND DESERVES what she gets  
when SHE VENTURES to take a ride  
WITH A strange man in a machine.  
BUT CAN'T she be a little more  
BROKE THIS annoyance up?  
BOBBETTE.

One of the contribu-  
tors of this must be "hell" to be  
President of these forty-eight  
Volsteaded and outlying pos-  
sessions. If this be true, then  
the predicament of a Vice  
President is indescribable.  
PAUL WHITE.

"WHAT CARE I?"  
What care I?  
As the rich and proud pass by,  
I roll up mine and sigh?  
What care I?

What care I?  
When Lizzie and cars pass by,  
I stretch my legs and sigh?  
What care I?

What care I?  
When I feel so dry,  
Knowing booze no more? Oh, my!  
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## PUSHCART MEN FIND 2 FRIENDS IN POLICE COURT

Oyster and Judge Hardison  
Score "Keep Moving" Law  
and Promise Relief.

Washington's pushcart vendors  
found two new friends today in the  
persons of Commissioner James F.  
Oyster and Judge Hardison, of the  
police court.

All Fines Under \$3.

Judge Hardison had four cases of  
violations of the "keep moving" law  
by vendors of fruit, and in two cases  
he imposed a fine in excess of \$3.  
He said after disposing of the  
cases, that he was of the opinion  
that the men who were brought be-  
fore him, and others in the same  
line of business, were entitled to  
some consideration after they had  
obtained their license and that it  
would be impossible for them to stay  
in business if the police were  
constantly on their trail. He said that  
the Commissioners ought to provide  
a remedy.

Commissioner Oyster told the dele-  
gation that waited on him today  
would see that they were given a  
"fair deal," and asked them to submit  
a written petition of their grievances.  
The delegation was headed by Samuel  
Scalco, president of the United Fruit  
Vendors' Association, Charles Baus-  
sele, secretary, and Harry T. Whelan,  
their attorney.

Attorney Whelan told the Commis-  
sioner, Major Clifford, superintendent  
of police, and Francis H. Stephens,  
corporation counsel, who were called  
into the conference, that the fruit  
vendors did not block traffic any more  
than taxicabs did, and that they were  
not engaged in a harmful occupation.

Believes Law Useless.

He also contended that the "keep  
moving" regulation has no real, sub-  
stantial relation to public health,  
morals, safety or convenience and  
judicial tribunals to sustain his con-  
tention.

Attorney Whelan said he would not  
engage in a legal controversy with  
the District authorities unless it was  
necessary to protect the rights of the  
fruit vendors.

Scalco told the Commissioners that  
most of the complaints against the  
fruit vendors came from merchants  
on Seventh street, who forgot that  
it was not so long ago when they  
themselves were struggling along in  
a small business.

War on Bookies  
Is Declared by  
Major Gordon

Quick Trials and Greater Vig-  
ilance Also New Attorney's  
Plan to Fight Bootleggers.

Handbook men and bootleggers need  
expect no mercy from Maj. Peyton  
Gordon, the new district attorney.  
This is the word sent out through the  
Police Department after a conference  
with the District Attorney as to what  
steps he was going to take to bring  
the many cases before the courts.

Wants Quick Trials.

Major Gordon told the police that  
he was going to see that they went  
to trial, and there would be no pos-  
tponing them for other cases on the  
docket. He said he will insist on their  
standing trial and will not stand for  
any dilatory tactics on the part of  
counsel for these men.

Commissioner Oyster will confer  
with Major Gordon as soon as the  
Commissioners get through with the  
estimates, and get from him definite  
information as to how the police can  
best co-operate with him in ridding the  
city of handbook men and bootleg-  
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